

To: Board of Education

From: Jerri Kemble, assistant superintendent, leading, learning & technology, ext. 2755  
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Re: Kagan Cooperative Learning

Date: July 20, 2017

Background:

Kagan Structures are scientifically research based as well as backed by classroom evidence from districts, schools, and teachers experiencing success.

Kagan Structures integrate the most powerful principles from decades of research. Among the many positive findings of this field or research are improved academic achievement, improved ethnic and race relations, improved social skills and social relations, and increased liking for self, others, and school.

The Kagan Structures have proven themselves effective teaching and learning tools for cooperative learning, multiple intelligences, character education, language learning, and emotional intelligence. Below is a link to several research reviews, field data, success stories, and articles supporting the use of Kagan Structures.

[Kagan Research](#)

Rationale:

During the 2016-2017 school year, a limited number of elementary staff attended four days of Kagan Cooperative Learning Professional Development to support their use of routines to enhance student success in personalized instruction. The professional development was overwhelmingly received and buildings requested additional opportunities for staff to attend. Two 4-day sessions will be offered during the school year enabling 90 additional staff to attend the Kagan Cooperative Learning Professional Development.

Recommendation:

Administration recommends board approval for the purchase of Kagan Cooperative Learning Professional Development (cost of Kagan facilitator and all materials) in the amount not to exceed \$57,960. The purchase will be paid from district Professional Development funds 2022137000-53200 and 2022137000-56100.

Motion:

"I move the Board of Education approve the purchase of Kagan Cooperative Learning Professional Development (cost of Kagan facilitator and all materials) in the amount not to exceed \$57,960."